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**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS'
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGIONAL MEETING**

**Tri-Rail's Administrative Offices
800 N.W. 33rd Street, Suite 100
Pompano Beach, FL 33064**

AGENDA

- I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENT - 3 Minutes Each Speaker**
- IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. SR-7 FAST BUS PROJECT – Jeff Weidner, FDOT District IV Project Manager**
 - B. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SFRTA) DOUBLE TRACKING UPDATE – Justine Belizaire, SFRTA Senior Project Manager for Segment 5 Construction**
 - C. SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST TRANSIT CORRIDOR STUDY – Carlos Cejas, Gannett Fleming Project Manager**
 - D. REGIONAL LRTP UPDATE – Randy Whitfield, P.E., Palm Beach MPO Director**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Special Regional Subcommittee Meeting**

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

MIAMI-DADE CTAC MEMBERS

Mike Hatcher, Chair
Norman Wartman, First Vice Chair
Hudson Gaulman, Jr.
Mac Glasgow
Frank Hernandez
Ramon Ramos

BROWARD CIR MEMBERS

John Rude, Chair
Cynthia Baker, Vice Chair
Angela Evans
Marion Henderson
John Pickett

Carlos Roa
Mike Sherman
Ferne Sherman
Michael Smith
Cmdr. Thomas Murray
Michael Udine

PALM BEACH CAC MEMBERS

Leo Noble, Chair
Judy Daversa, Vice Chair
James Barr
Harold Kleiner
Sally Channon
Roberta Van Sickle

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, Miami-Dade MPO Staff
Paul Chance, Miami-Dade MPO Staff
Roger del Rio, Broward County MPO Acting Director
Lahoma Sarlette, Broward County MPO Staff
Beth Kuttner, Broward County MPO Staff
Enrique Zelaya, Broward County MPO Staff
Chris Heshmati, Broward County MPO Staff
Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach County MPO Director
Patricia Masterman, Palm Beach County MPO
Maria Gross, Broward County Planning Division
Delfin Molins, Miami-Dade PWD
Ella Gilbert, SFRTA
Flavia Silva, SFRTA
Dan Mazza, SFRTA
John Metsopoulos, SFRTA
Jonathan Roberson, SFRTA

Justine S Belizaire, SFRTA
Lois Bush, FDOT D4
Vicki Gatans, FDOT D4
Gus Schmidt, FDOT D4
Angela Evans, FDOT D4
Carlos Cejas, Gannet Fleming
Michael Moore, Gannet Fleming
Joe Abbas, Citizen
Cantresia Silia, Citizen
Devin Avery, Citizen
James Barr, Citizen
Michael Udine, Citizen
Margaret Wolter, Citizen
John Kulpa, Citizen
John Laffery, Citizen

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Glickman, Community Involvement Roundtable (CIR) member, asked in addition to the public speaking, that members from each regional citizen group be allowed to speak during the public comment section as well.

Mac Glasgow, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) member, moved to modify the agenda TO ADD A “Member Comments” section at the end and the motion was seconded by John Rude, CIR Chair. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Hatcher, CTAC Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting stating that this was a historical event in that it was the first time ever the three MPO citizen committees joined together to discuss regional issues. Afterward, Mr. Hatched asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

A CIR member informed the members on the advancement other states are making with their transportation technology. In Chicago, they have installed an internet system on their public buses. This technology allows citizens to use an ATM-like card to transfer from different systems. He suggested that the three citizen committees request a transportation transfer system for the south Florida region.

Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, passed over the Chair to Leo Noble, Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. SR-7 FAST BUS PROJECT

Jeff Weidner, FDOT District IV Project Manager, gave a brief overview of the Fast Bus Project. Mr. Weidner discussed the following key factors for the project:

- Broward MPO has contributed funds to Phase I
- Several studies have been conducted to date
- It is a community bus shuttle service
- Bus operations on SR-7 include local service, express service, and express limited service.
- They are looking to decrease bus headways
- The next step would be to incorporate bus rapid transit then ultimately to a rail system
- It will be important to properly brand system for easy recognition
- There will be a total of twenty-one (21) stops along the route
- Operating cost
- 63 % of this operation will be in Broward County

After the presentation, Mr. Weidner opened the floor for questions and there was a question and answer period.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

B. SOUTH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SFRTA) DOUBLE TRACKING UPDATE

Justine Belizaire, SFRTA Senior Project Manager for Segment 5 Construction, gave a presentation updating members on the status of the Tri-Rail Double Tracking Project. Ms. Belizaire discussed the following key factors:

- Project Scope
- 11 new bridges will be modified
- 44 miles of track
- Renovation of stations
- Signal system upgrade
- Station improvements & completion dates
- Tri-Rail station upgrade updates will be given
- Developing and expanding parking spaces at the stations
- Safety measures at the Tri-Rail Station
- New River Bridge project (55 foot bridge)
- The benefits of double tracking for the system

After the presentation, Ms. Belizaire opened the floor for questions and there was a question and answer period.

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C. SOUTH FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) TRANSIT CORRIDORS STUDY

Carlos Cejas, Gannett Fleming Project Manager, explained that this project was still in the “Scoping” phase and as a result did not have a lot of information for the Committee. However, he discussed the following key factors:

- There will be an extensive Public Outreach effort
- The FEC line Geographic Area --Downtown Miami to Jupiter
- Extensive travel studies will be done

After the presentation, Mr. Cejas opened the floor for questions and there was a question and answer period.

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

D. REGIONAL LRTP UPDATE

Randy Whitfield, Palm Beach MPO Director, discussed the following key factors for the regional LRTP:

- This is the first time a regional LRTP has been completed for the region
- The Plan contains a list of adopted regional projects
- Regional LRTP Committee (regional project process)
- Projects identified: I-95, Turnpike, SR 80, Transit Initiatives

After the presentation, Mr. Whitfield opened the floor for questions and there was a question and answer period.

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V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Dan Glickman, CIR member, suggested that there be a meeting every six months, three times a year or once a year. Frank Fernandez, CTAC member, suggested a regional subcommittee be formed from the three committees and meet once a month. All three Chairs felt that while this was a good idea in theory that meeting once a month may present too much of a hardship on members. This issue will be discussed amongst their own committees to be decided upon at a later date.

Mac Glasgow, CTAC member, requested SFRTA to address if they have began to take over the area's dispatch service.

Cmdr. Thomas Murray, CIR member, had a concern about traffic congestion, so he suggested that all future meetings be transit accessible.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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